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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: An Overview of Student Growth Percentiles

Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs) are a method for measuring student growth from year-to-year assessments. As Michigan transitions away from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) to the new M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) assessment system, we have an opportunity to utilize measurement science and best practice from around the country to produce a new type of growth data from our assessment system. Understanding student growth is critical in supporting efforts around school improvement, closing achievement gaps and early literacy, as well as developing and implementing fair accountability and educator evaluation systems.

The presentation today provides the State Board of Education with an overview of student growth percentiles—what they are, how they are calculated, and how they help us better understand the progress of Michigan students. Feedback from the Board will be sought regarding how to effectively support implementation of SGPs through communication with parents, teachers, administrators and other stakeholders.

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